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BANGALORE.

12th April 1918.

My dear Mirza,

I wrote to you some time back about arrangements for the Vice-Chancellor's post.

His Highness is aware that I have all along been urging - that an Indian and preferably a local man should be appointed to the post.

The enclosed letter from the Chairman of the Mysore Chamber of Commerce to the Secretary to Government will explain better than anything I can say why I always wish that an institution should be entrusted to the management of the men of the country. You will - - notice that, as the Chairman of the Chamber, Mr. Rose objects to the development of the Industrial workshop on the ground that it tends to compete with private enterprise.

I am afraid there are only two local men fit for the post, viz., (1) Mr. H.N. Nanjundayya, and

(2) Mr. M. Shama Rao.

I think Mr. Denham's appointment is out of the question. He is 62 years of age and much older than Mr. H.V. Nanjundayya.

Our University is yet in an infant state and I think it is very necessary that only those who will have their heart in the - -

institution should be appointed as Vice-Chancellor. If, at any future time, men of eminence like Dr. Sadler or Dr. Sir Ashutosh Mukerji could be got for the post, I should of - - course support such a proposal.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly submit these - views for His Highness' gracious orders. An early decision is necessary.

Yours sincerely,

M. Visvesvaraya